(ii) re: The fire accident at Udeva Village, Tarikere Taluk on 17th January 1970.

Sri M. MALLAPPA.—Sir, I call the attention of the Minister for Revenue to the fire accident at Udeva Village, Tarikere Taluk, on 17th January 1970.

† Sri H. V. KOUJALGI (Minister for Revenue).—An accidental fire broke out on 17th January 1970 at about 1 P.M. at Udeva village, Tarikere Taluk, Chickmagalur District in which 38 hutments were burnt. The fire was xtinguished at about 10 P.M. with the assistance of the local officers and non-officials of the said village. Two lorries of the Public Works Department and one private tractor were used for bringing water to extinguish the fire. The total loss is estimated at Rs. 32,685. Out of 38 huts burnt, 10 belonged to Kurbas, 8 to Valmiki people and 20 to Lambanies. One person who received injuries in the fire has been admitted at the Government hospital at Birur and is under treatment. He is reported to be recovering. The affected persons who are about 210 in number are accommodated in the village Panchayat Hall, School building, Temple and private houses.

The Tahsildar, Tarikere has collected Rs. 1,000 in cash for purchase of bed sheets and sarees for free distribution among the sufferers. People have contributed grains and have also arranged free feeding for the victims for one week.

The District Development Assistant and the Deputy Superintendent of Police, Chickmagalur have also visited the spot.

The Deputy Commissioner has placed an additional allotment of Rs. 3,000 at the disposal of the Tahsildar, Tarikere, for affording immediate cash relief and has instructed the Tahsildar to grant building materials also to the sufferers of the fire accident.

Sri M. MALLAPPA.—Many thanks for the urgent relief given. More than 210 persons were affected by this accident. Will you give some more relief ?

Sri H. V. KOUJALGI.—The Tahsildar and the Deputy Commissioner are entitled to grant more relief taking into consideration the circumstances and the necessity.

(iii) re: Collection of penal Interest on loans from ryots

Sri B. GANGANNA.—I call the attention of the Minister for Revenue to the collection of penal interest from the ryots on suspended instalments of loans.

Sri H. V. KOUJALGI.—As per Note below Article 197 of the Mysore Finance Code, when the recovery of loan instalments in respect of (1) Loans under the Mysore Land Improvement Loans Act, 1963,

(2) Loans under the Mysore Agriculturists' Loans Act, 1963 (3) Loans under the Mysore Non-Agriculturists' Loans Act, 1958 (4) Loans for sinking of Irrigation Wells, and (5) Interest free loans to the sufferers of floods, rains, fire accidents and other natural calamities is suspended on account of unfavourable seasonal conditions, no penal interest should be levied on such suspended instalments. The ordinary interest, however, must be recovered on such suspended instalments and penal interest will be levied on overdue arrears of loans except during the suspend d period. Government has also issued necessa y instructions to the Divisional and Deputy Commissioners in Government letter No. RDF 69 TKV 67 dated 15th March 1968. From the above provision in the M.F.C. and the instructions issued, it is evident that no penal interest can be charged on overdue instalments of loans during the suspended period. If specific instances wherein penal interest has been charged in contravention of the above provision in the M.F.C., is brought to the notice of Government, action will be taken to set matters right.

ಶ್ರೀ ಬಿ. ಗೆಂಗಣ್ಣ.—ಕೊನೆಯದಾಗಿ ಮಾನ್ಯ ಮಂತ್ರಿಗಳು ಹೇಳಿದ ಪ್ರಕಾರ ಸ್ಪೆಸಿಫಿಕ್ಕಾಗಿ ಯಾವುದಾದರೂ ಒಂದು ಇನ್‌ಸ್ಟೆನ್ಸ್‌ನ್ನು ಸರ್ಕಾರದ ಗಮನಕ್ಕೆ ತಂದರೆ ತಕ್ಕ ಕ್ರಮವನ್ನು ತೆಗೆದುಕೊಳ್ಳುತ್ತೇವೆಂದು ಹೇಳಿದರು. ಟಿ.ಡಿ.ಬಿ. ಮಾಟಿಂಗ್‌ನ್ನು ರೈತರಿಂದ ಸಾಲಗಳ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ಪೀನಲ್ ಇಂಟರೆಸ್ಟ್ ಕಲೆಕ್ಟ್ ಮಾಡುವ ವಿಚಾರವಾಗಿ ಚರ್ಚೆ ಬಂದಾಗ, ಡಿ ಸಿ. ಅವರು ಇಂತಹ ಪ್ರಾವಿಷನ್ ಇರುವುದು ನನ್ನ ಗಮನಕ್ಕೆ ಬಂದಿಲ್ಲವೆಂದು ಹೇಳಿದ್ದಾರೆ. ಅದನ್ನು ಮಾನ್ಯ ಸದಸ್ಯರು ಗಮನಕ್ಕೆ ತರುತ್ತಿದ್ದಾರೆಂದು ಹೇಳಿದರು. ಆದ್ದರಿಂದ ಈ ವಿಚಾರವಾಗಿ ಇಮುವರೆಗೂ ಕಲೆಕ್ಟ್ ಮಾಡಿರುವುದನ್ನು ಮುಂದೆ ಅಡ್ಜಸ್ಟ್ ಮಾಡಿಕೊಳ್ಳಬೇಕೆಂದು ನೂಕ್ತ ಆದೇಶವನ್ನು ತುಮಕೂರು ಜಿಲ್ಲಾ ಡೆಪ್ಯುಟಿ ಕಮಿಷನರಿಗೆ ಸರ್ಕಾರದವತು ನಲಕೆ ಕೊಡುತ್ತಾರೆಂದು ನಾನು ನಂಬಿದ್ದೇನೆ.

Sri H. V. KOUJALGI.—The matter will be enquired into and if the Deputy Commissioner, Tumkur District has acted against the rules the matters will be set right.

Mysore Excise (Amendment) Bill, 1970

(Debate Continued)

Mr. DEPUTY SPEAKER.—Now Legislative Business. Sri D. B. Kalmankar to continue his speech.

† Sri D. B. KALMANKAR (Aland).—Yesterday I said that there was no need for promulgation of the ordinance which is now to be replaced by a Bill. I have gone through the whole amending Bill and what I find is, the intention of the Government is to make the penal provisions rigorous. But, in its anxiety to make the penal provisions rigorous, the judicial powers of the court are being curtailed. If we just look into the various sections, section 32, in the orginal section there is a provision for imprisonment up to six months and fine of not less than Rs. 100. Now by this amendment it is tried to make the imprisonment more rigorous, *i.e.*, it must be not less than three months.